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TAGS: PARM MARR LE UK FR
SUBJECT: UNIFIL RENEWAL

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 12, EMBOFF ASKED FCO'S ACTING
NEAR EAST DEPARTMENT HEAD TOMKYS ABOUT FRENCH
INTENTION TO GO FOR ONLY THREE-MONTH RENEWAL OF
UNIFIL. TOMKYS SAID HE HAD JUST SENT REPORT OFF
TO UKUN ON TALK HE HAD EARLIER IN DAY WITH FRENCH
EMBOFF.

2. FRENCH EMBOFF HAD EMPHASIZED GOF'S TOTAL
COMMITMENT TO CONCEPT OF UNIFIL. HOWEVER, TO
PROD ALL PARTIES INTO SHOULDERING THEIR RESPONS-
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BILITIES, TO AVOID CREATING ASSUMPTION OF
AUTOMATICITY OF FURTHER RENEWALS, FRENCH WANT
THREE, NOT SIX MONTHS. FURTHER, GOF INTENDS TO
BRING FORCE LEVEL DOWN TO AVERAGE OF OTHER
CONTINGENTS.

3. EMBOFF REVIEWED POINTS MADE BY UNDERSECRETARY

NEWSOM WITH CHARGE BOYER (REFTEL) AND ASKED WHETHER HMG HAD SENT INSTRUCTIONS AS YET TO UKUN. TOMKYS SAID FORMAL INSTRUCTIONS PROBABLY WILL NOT BE SENT; UKUN WILL FOLLOW HIS LINE WITH FRENCH HERE, I.E., HMG ADMIRES FINE JOB FRENCH ARE DOING, AGREES THAT ISRAEL, GOL, AND CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SHOULD SHOULD THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, AND SHARES GOF'S CONCERN RE AUTOMATICITY. HOWEVER, HMG BELIEVES FIRMLY THAT THREE-MONTH MANDATE WOULD BE "DISASTROUS," SINCE THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE PARTIES CAN OR WILL RESPOND TO THIS KIND OF PRESSURE.

4. TOMKYS OBSERVED HE DOES NOT BELIEVE FRENCH INTEND TO RAISE UNIFIL ISSUE AT EC MEETING SEPTEMBER 14.

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